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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by: (VA)

AN ACT INCREASING STATE ACTIVE DUTY PAY FOR THE CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD AND PROVIDING A STATE INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR CERTAIN ACTIVE DUTY PAYMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 27-61 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):
- 3 (a) For military service when ordered out by the Governor, except
- 4 when federal pay has been authorized, each commissioned officer,
- 5 warrant officer and enlisted person assigned to a federally recognized
- 6 National Guard unit in Connecticut shall be paid at the same rate,
- 7 including longevity pay and allowances, as would be authorized if
- 8 ordered out by federal authority but such rate shall be (1) increased by
- 9 the amount of ten dollars for enlisted persons and five dollars for
- warrant officers and first and second lieutenants, and (2) not less than
- 11 one hundred twenty-five dollars per day.
- 12 (b) For military service when ordered out by the Governor, each
- 13 commissioned officer, warrant officer and enlisted person in a unit of
- 14 the organized militia which is not federally recognized shall be paid on

the same scale as the federal pay for corresponding grades in the tables of organization of the federally recognized National Guard, increased by the amount of ten dollars for enlisted persons and five dollars for warrant officers and first and second lieutenants. Unless otherwise provided by law, the determination of the corresponding grades in the organized militia, other than the federally recognized National Guard, shall be made by the Adjutant General.

- (c) Officers, warrant officers and enlisted personnel of the Connecticut National Guard who attend schools, conferences or staff or ceremonial exercises by order of the Governor shall be paid their travel and actual expenses. Commissioned officers serving on boards or military commissions or attending conferences called by higher headquarters in or out of the state shall receive pay and allowance of their grade plus actual expenses. Each commissioned and warrant officer, chief petty officer and enlisted person of the naval militia when ordered out by the Governor, except when federal pay has been authorized, shall receive for each day's service the same pay and allowances as are prescribed by the federal government for the corresponding grades of members of the United States Navy but such pay shall be increased by the amount of ten dollars for enlisted persons and five dollars for chief petty officers, warrant officers, lieutenants junior grade and ensigns.
- Sec. 2. Subparagraph (B) of subdivision (20) of subsection (a) of section 12-701 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2008, and applicable to income years commencing on or after January 1, 2009):
- (B) There shall be subtracted therefrom (i) to the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, any income with respect to which taxation by any state is prohibited by federal law, (ii) to the extent allowable under section 12-718, exempt dividends paid by a regulated investment company, (iii) the amount of

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any refund or credit for overpayment of income taxes imposed by this state, or any other state of the United States or a political subdivision thereof, or the District of Columbia, to the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, (iv) to the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes and not otherwise subtracted from federal adjusted gross income pursuant to clause (x) of this subparagraph in computing Connecticut adjusted gross income, any tier 1 railroad retirement benefits, (v) to the extent any additional allowance for depreciation under Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, as provided by Section 101 of the Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002, for property placed in service after December 31, 2001, but prior to September 10, 2004, was added to federal adjusted gross income pursuant to subparagraph (A)(ix) of this subdivision in computing Connecticut adjusted gross income for a taxable year ending after December 31, 2001, twenty-five per cent of such additional allowance for depreciation in each of the four succeeding taxable years, (vi) to the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, any interest income from obligations issued by or on behalf of the state of Connecticut, any political subdivision thereof, or public instrumentality, state or local authority, district or similar public entity created under the laws of the state of Connecticut, (vii) to the extent properly includable in determining the net gain or loss from the sale or other disposition of capital assets for federal income tax purposes, any gain from the sale or exchange of obligations issued by or on behalf of the state of Connecticut, any political subdivision thereof, public instrumentality, state or local authority, district or similar public entity created under the laws of the state of Connecticut, in the income year such gain was recognized, (viii) any interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry obligations or securities the interest on which is subject to tax under this chapter but exempt from federal income tax, to the extent that such interest on indebtedness is not deductible in determining federal adjusted gross income and is attributable to a trade or business carried on by such individual, (ix)

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ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year for the production or collection of income which is subject to taxation under this chapter but exempt from federal income tax, or the management, conservation or maintenance of property held for the production of such income, and the amortizable bond premium for the taxable year on any bond the interest on which is subject to tax under this chapter but exempt from federal income tax, to the extent that such expenses and premiums are not deductible in determining federal adjusted gross income and are attributable to a trade or business carried on by such individual, (x) (I) for a person who files a return under the federal income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than fifty thousand dollars, or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than fifty thousand dollars, or for a husband and wife who file a return under the federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than sixty thousand dollars or a person who files a return under the federal income tax as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than sixty thousand dollars, an amount equal to the Social Security benefits includable for federal income tax purposes; and (II) for a person who files a return under the federal income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is fifty thousand dollars or more, or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is fifty thousand dollars or more, or for a husband and wife who file a return under the federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income from such taxable year is sixty thousand dollars or more or for a person who files a return under the federal income tax as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is sixty thousand dollars or more, an amount equal to the difference between the amount of Social Security benefits includable for federal income tax purposes and the lesser of twenty-five per cent of the Social

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115 Security benefits received during the taxable year, or twenty-five per 116 cent of the excess described in Section 86(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue 117 Code, (xi) to the extent properly includable in gross income for federal 118 income tax purposes, any amount rebated to a taxpayer pursuant to 119 section 12-746, (xii) to the extent properly includable in the gross 120 income for federal income tax purposes of a designated beneficiary, 121 any distribution to such beneficiary from any qualified state tuition 122 program, as defined in Section 529(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, 123 established and maintained by this state or any official, agency or 124 instrumentality of the state, (xiii) to the extent allowable under section 125 12-701a, contributions to accounts established pursuant to any 126 qualified state tuition program, as defined in Section 529(b) of the 127 Internal Revenue Code, established and maintained by this state or 128 any official, agency or instrumentality of the state, (xiv) to the extent 129 properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, 130 the amount of any Holocaust victims' settlement payment received in 131 the taxable year by a Holocaust victim, (xv) to the extent properly 132 includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes of an 133 account holder, as defined in section 31-51ww, interest earned on 134 funds deposited in the individual development account, as defined in 135 section 31-51ww, of such account holder, (xvi) to the extent properly 136 includable in the gross income for federal income tax purposes of a 137 designated beneficiary, as defined in section 3-123aa of the 2008 138 supplement to the general statutes, interest earned on contributions to 139 accounts established for the designated beneficiary pursuant to the 140 Connecticut Homecare Option Program for the Elderly established by 141 sections 3-123aa to 3-123ff, inclusive, [and] of the 2008 supplement to 142 the general statutes, (xvii) to the extent properly included in gross 143 income for federal income tax purposes, fifty per cent of the income 144 received from the United States government as retirement pay for a 145 retired member of (I) the Armed Forces of the United States, as defined 146 in Section 101 of Title 10 of the United States Code, or (II) the National 147 Guard, as defined in Section 101 of Title 10 of the United States Code, 148 and (xvii) to the extent properly includable in gross income for federal

- 149 <u>income tax purposes, any pay received pursuant to subsection (a) of</u>
- 150 section 27-61, as amended by this act, by an individual assigned to a
- 151 <u>federally recognized National Guard unit in Connecticut.</u>

| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following | | |
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| sections: | | |
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| Section 1 | July 1, 2008 | 27-61 |
| Sec. 2 | July 1, 2008, and | 12-701(a)(20)(B) |
| | applicable to income years | |
| | commencing on or after | |
| | January 1, 2009 | |

Statement of Purpose:

To provide minimum pay of one hundred twenty-five dollars per day for members of the Connecticut National Guard ordered to state active duty, and provide a deduction under the state income tax for pay received for such state active duty.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]